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The following is in response to the office action dated July 30, 2003. Kindly enter the following amendment:

Claim1(amended) A telescopic front suspension system for steering a front wheel of a vehicle having a single front wheel, comprising:

a steering tube adapted to be mounted in a head tube of a frame of the vehicle and coupled to a handlebar above the head tube and connected to a fork crown below the head tube for steering the front wheel; and

a pair of upper stanchion tubes spaced apart and extending downwardly in parallel with each other having an elongated shape with upper ends coupled to the fork crown and lower ends which slide axially and telescopingly with respect to a corresponding pair of lower slider tubes which have lower ends mounted on respective sides of an axle for the front wheel,

wherein the outer shape of the stanchion tubes and inner shape of the slider tubes have matching mating surfaces that are a non-round, smooth curve, so as to allow them to freely telescope relative to each other while preventing rotation between the parts, resulting in more precise steering control for the rider.